

**Utility Relationships with Governmental Entities and their Subcontractors**  
**Topic 3 Round 4 Questions**

The following questions are divided by subtopic. The term licensing in this context refers to the licensing of poles in the public right-of-way by municipal or state authorities.

**Attachments/Reservation of Space**

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VZ: Please supply a copy of the *Blue Book – Manual of Construction Practices* (by Telcordia Technologies, Inc.) or copies of the relevant pages thereof concerning pole attachments in the communication space.

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VZ: Please supply copies of any other construction standards (besides the Blue Book standards) that govern the use of the communication space on a pole.

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Electrics: Please provide a copy of the construction standards that govern the use of electric space on a pole.

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Electrics, Verizon, municipalities & NHDOT: If a municipality or the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation seeks to attach to utility poles and/or occupy conduit space in order to build an intra-government network for government use only, are they required to execute a Pole Attachment or Conduit Occupancy Agreement with the owner or joint owners of the poles and conduit, apply for a license, and pay all appropriate fees including engineering surveys, make ready costs and prevailing pole attachment and/or conduit occupancy fees? Please explain your answer fully and provide the basis for your rationale, including a citation to the rule, tariff, ordinance or statute that supports your assertion.

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Electrics, Verizon, municipalities & NHDOT: If a municipality or the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation seeks to attach to utility poles and/or occupy conduit space in order to offer competitive services for use by the general public, are they required to execute a Pole Attachment or Conduit Occupancy Agreement with the owner or joint owners of the poles and conduit, apply for a license, and pay all appropriate fees including engineering surveys, make ready costs and prevailing pole attachment and/or conduit occupancy fees? Please explain your answer fully and provide the basis for your rationale, including a citation to the rule, tariff, ordinance or statute that supports your assertion.

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Electrics, Verizon, municipalities & NHDOT: Please provide procedures and actual practices for municipalities' or their subcontractors' placement, replacement, maintenance and repair of municipal communication equipment in reserved space on the poles.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide a sample of all joint ownership agreements or IOPs that recognize reserved municipal space on poles.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide the procedure, policy, joint ownership agreement or IOP that permits Verizon to reserve a specific space on each pole.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide the procedure and actual practice for assessing make-ready costs on poles when municipalities attach their communication equipment.

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Electrics & VZ: Referencing your response to Staff 3-15, please identify all municipalities currently using space reserved for municipal purposes on poles for which you have sole or joint ownership or a joint use interest, for copper wire or other communications, including safety and emergency communications among municipality offices, police, fire and others.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide the policies and actual practices relating to any restrictions on the type of facilities or communication equipment that may be attached to poles by municipalities in the communication space.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide the practice by which space on the poles reserved for municipal purposes is included, or excluded, for the rate base calculation.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide your policy regarding licensees on poles who have overlashed new facilities to their own facilities or the facilities of others already installed on the poles.

**Licensing**4-14

Electrics & VZ: Referencing your response to Staff 1-29, please provide the process and actions you follow for applying for a license for a new pole or a location for a pole from a municipality (for municipal rights of way) or the state (for state rights of way), pursuant to RSA 231:159-182, inclusive.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide samples (both presently used and historically used) of petitions to municipalities for pole licenses, including global and individual poles license petitions.

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Municipals: Are you aware of any unlicensed utility poles in your jurisdictions? If so, please provide an approximate number by town to the extent you are able.

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Municipals: Do you perceive unlicensed poles as a problem in your jurisdictions? If so, please explain why.

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Electrics & VZ: Are you aware of any unlicensed poles in the right-of-way in the towns in your franchise areas? To the extent you are able, please quantify by town.

**Public Work Projects**4-19

Electrics & VZ: How does your company efficiently budget and manage utility relocations for municipal road projects. Does the process change in cases when those projects are initiated with short or no advance notice? If so, please explain how the process is different.

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Municipalities: Do you follow the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's *Utility Relocation Process – Scheduling Guidelines* (see Attachment NHDOT Utility Relocation Process (Scheduling Guidelines) to Verizon NH's response to Staff 1-37) on the administration of public works projects when undertaking a public works project in your municipality? If not, why not? Please provide a copy of the administrative guidelines that you follow.

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Electrics, Verizon, municipalities & NHDOT: What do you recommend to improve municipal road project coordination?

**Management of Rights of Way (State & Municipal)**4-22

Electrics & VZ: Provide procedures and actual practices for notifying and/or seeking permission from municipalities for emergency and routine maintenance in the right-of-way, organized by municipality.

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Electrics & VZ: Please provide procedures and actual practices for communication with municipalities that use the communication space on poles.

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Electrics, Verizon, municipalities & NHDOT: In the event that a public works project, either municipal or state, calls for utilities to temporarily relocate their facilities before moving them to their final location at a later date in the project, should the utilities be compensated for the temporary relocation work? If your answer is no, please explain why and provide the basis for your rationale, including a citation to any rule, tariff, ordinance or statute that supports your assertion.